

COUNTRY East Austria REPORT NO.

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REMARKS

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1. Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34). The following observations were made at Wiener Neustadt airfield between 12 and 14 September 1952:

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12 September. It rained after 4:15 p.m., and there was a thunderstorm with rain between 5:30 and 7 p.m. The sky was clear after 8 p.m. Between 8 and 11 p.m., the noise of jet planes was heard. The planes made individual, local flights over the town for 7 to 10 minutes.

13 September. Aircraft observed between 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. included 26 MiG-15s in front of the flight control station, 3 twin-jet planes at the southern end of the row of MiG-15s, 5 single-engine, two-seater planes, and 24 aircraft of an unidentified type in front of the pyrotechnic plant. (1) The sky was 5/10 overcast, and there was a westerly wind of 10 to 15 km/h. Five planes practiced flying individually.

14 September. Between 9:30 and 10 a.m., about 30 walls, referred to as shrapnel-proof revetments, were observed at the field about 150 meters south of the flight control station in line with the signboard at Badener Strasse. Some of the revetments were arranged in two rows. All the revetments opened toward the airfield.

2. Between 4 and 4:30 p.m. on 17 September, source observed guards and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets inside the cantonment west of Wiener Neustadt. Twenty-eight trucks, including five with AA guns with flash hiders, and three mounting a heavy machine gun on a tripod, were parked in the area of the cantonment.

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[redacted] driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, was parked in front of the flight control station. Between 4:30 and 5:15 p.m. on 24 September, source observed that a small brick building was being erected at the entrance to the former officers candidate school in Bad Fischau (O 48/X 34). A temporary building was torn down. Nearby there were 15 to 20 trucks, [redacted] bearing the inscription "driving school"

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[redacted] Soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets were observed at the installation. At 6 p.m., ambulance [redacted] and truck [redacted] drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, moved into the former Nachrichtenkasernen.

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3. Between 4 and 6 p.m. on 25 September, 26 MiG-15s, 8 twin-jet planes and 20 aircraft of an unidentified type were observed at the field. The tails of the twin-jet planes were covered with tarpaulins. Fastening clips were fitted on the upper edge of the rudder assembly.

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4. Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 25 September, 38 MiG-15s, including 32 in front of the flight control building and 6 on the western edge of the field, 9 twin-jet planes in front of the flight control station, and 2 single-engine planes with radial engines were observed at the field. (1) There was a 2/10 overcast, sunny and calm weather, the cloud base being at about 3,000 meters. The MiG-15s parked on the western edge of the field practiced flying individually and in elements of two for 20 to 30 minutes. Two-man crews were definitely observed in the cabins. The aircraft were not fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. The twin-jet planes had torpedo-like bodies at their wing tips. (1) About 20 shrapnelproof aircraft revetments, all of them open toward the field, were observed in the eastern section of the field. Construction of shrapnelproof revetments still continued on the western edge of the field. For this purpose, the debris was being cleared in the pyrotechnic plant. A destroyed building was being reconstructed near the repair shop on the eastern edge of the field. Five van-like trucks and 2 trucks were parked there.

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5. Trucks [redacted] drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were observed on the way to and from the flight control station. Trucks [redacted] were observed at the former Nachrichten Kaserne. Vehicles observed in its yard, included 6 tank trucks, 8 van-like trucks, 27 trucks and 2 jeeps. Guards wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were posted at the former Artillerie Kaserne. Sedan [redacted] moved out of the Kaserne. Fifteen men, wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were taking down telephone wires and laying a thick underground cable.

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6. Fifteen box-like objects, about 3 meters high and 6 to 7 meters long, were observed inside the pyrotechnic plant. (2)

7. Five trucks with mounted AA machine guns, 14 trucks and 5 AA guns with flash hiders were parked in the cantonment west of Wiener Neustadt. Truck [redacted] driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left the cantonment and proceeded toward Bad Fischau. It was later parked near the villas west of the pyrotechnic plant.

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8. Four tank trucks, 12 trucks and 1 truck with a starting device for aircraft engines were parked in the former officers candidate school in Bad Fischau. There was vehicular traffic involving radio trucks [redacted]. The drivers wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Trucks [redacted] driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets; [redacted] driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and weapons carrier [redacted] driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, were observed in Wiener Neustadt. There was no vehicular traffic at Wiener Neustadt airfield. It rained occasionally.

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9. Parndorf (P 48/X 77). During the night of 16 to 17 September, no activity was observed at Parndorf airfield. The field was not lighted. A Soviet sentry was observed patrolling the area east to northeast of the field. On 17 September, source determined that the northern border of the field was about 1,800 meters long, the southern border about 2,200 meters, the western border about 1,200 meters and the eastern border about 1,400 meters. Two low wooden buildings were located at the western end of the E-W landing strip which was covered with grass. In the southwestern corner of the field, there were two brick buildings from which Russian music was heard at night. A low building, about 6 x 8 meters, located about in the middle of the northern edge of the field was surrounded by an earth wall, 3 to 4 meters high, and open toward the field. A Soviet sentry armed with a submachine

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gun was posted in front of the entrance and a tent 4 meters square was nearby. Additional tents were observed at other points of the field. (3) No radio installations were observed at the field. The field was occupied by 31 jet planes and 1 single-engine trainer.

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10. Zwoelfaxing (P 49/X 48). Between 8:30 a.m. and noon on 20 September, 42 Pe-2s and 2 biplanes were observed at Zwoelfaxing airfield. There was no air activity in calm and rainy weather. The sky was 8/10 overcast. Ten walls of earth, probably shrapnelproof aircraft revetments, were observed on the southern edge of the field. No activity was observed at the field. About 40 men wearing black-bordered blue epaulets drilled with rifles, under command of two officers, in the barracks yard. Eight AA guns with flash hiders were observed in the barracks area at the same point where AA guns had been repeatedly observed. At about 11 a.m., 50 men, wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, under the command of a major and a senior lieutenant marched into the barracks yard toward the AA guns. There, a command was given, and the AA guns were towed back and forth in the yard. Truck [] driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, left the barracks installation.

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11. Goetzendorf (P 49/X 57). Between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 16 September, 48 Pe-2s, 2 Boston A-20 planes, and 3 Aira Cobra F-63-A planes were observed at Goetzendorf airfield. There was no air activity in calm and sunny weather. The sky was 3/10 overcast at an altitude of about 3,000 meters. Two tank trucks, 1 van-like truck and 1 bus were parked on the landing field. The temporary buildings at the eastern edge of the field were being surrounded by a fence. Two observation towers were being erected. Shrapnelproof revetments or AA gun emplacements, probably constructed during the war, were observed on the northern edge of the field. There were 4 AA guns of about 80-mm caliber having muzzle brakes, a data computer on two wheels and 5 trucks at the field. Rifle drill was practiced. At about 1:30 p.m., the AA guns and the data computer coupled to a truck moved toward Margarethen/Moos (P 49/X 57).

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12. At the southeastern exit of Goetzendorf, on the road to Mannersdorf (P 48/X 66) there was a building from which many rubber cables extended in various directions to Goetzendorf. Eleven women wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, entered and left the installation. Truck [] driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, was parked in front of the kitchen and garages. Two corrugated sheet metal garages were being erected at the motor vehicle parking site. []

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[] No change was observed on the antenna mast with cone-shaped bracing. About 20 meters from the antenna mast, there were two radio trucks each with an antenna rod. The officers billets at the southeast perimeter of Goetzendorf were occupied by officers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. A dump with firewood and coal was located along the road to Mannersdorf. Two boxcars were observed at the Goetzendorf Ort railroad station. Soviet soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were unloading flour from the boxcars and trucks [] the drivers of which wore black-bordered blue epaulets.

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13. About 1:30 p.m. on 16 September, truck [] was identified among the AA guns which were moved from the field. Source observed near the Margarethen/Moos farmyard at about 2 p.m. that Russians wearing red-bordered black epaulets accompanied the AA guns coming from the airfield. It was definitely observed that four of the AA guns in the garden of the farmyard had flash hiders. Truck [] were parked in the yard. Between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 20 September, a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets was posted at the barracks installation in Schwechat-Altkettenhof (P 49/X 48). About 23 motor vehicles and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed in the yard. In the rear section of the yard there were six AA guns of about 80-mm caliber with muzzle brakes. Two men wearing black-bordered black epaulets left the installation opposite Altkettenhof and entered the Altkettenhof.

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14. St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). On 26 August, a radio installation was observed both north and south of the road to Witzendorf (O 49/W 88) near St. Poelten. The northern installation was a RUS-2 type set. A line extended from the radio truck of this installation to a motor vehicle shed of the southern installation which was a Dumbo type set. The latter set consisted of 4 tents, the radar set, 4 motor vehicle sheds, 1 gable roof sloping down to the ground, and 1 small low wooden building. Six telephone wires on poles were strung to the latter building from the direction of the barracks installation in St. Poelten. (4) Twenty-eight soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in athletics in the fenced-in area. A captain, wearing black epaulets, was observed near the installation. When a plane flew over the site, source observed that the dipole antenna of the southern installation rotated; the antenna on the radio truck of the northern installation remained motionless.

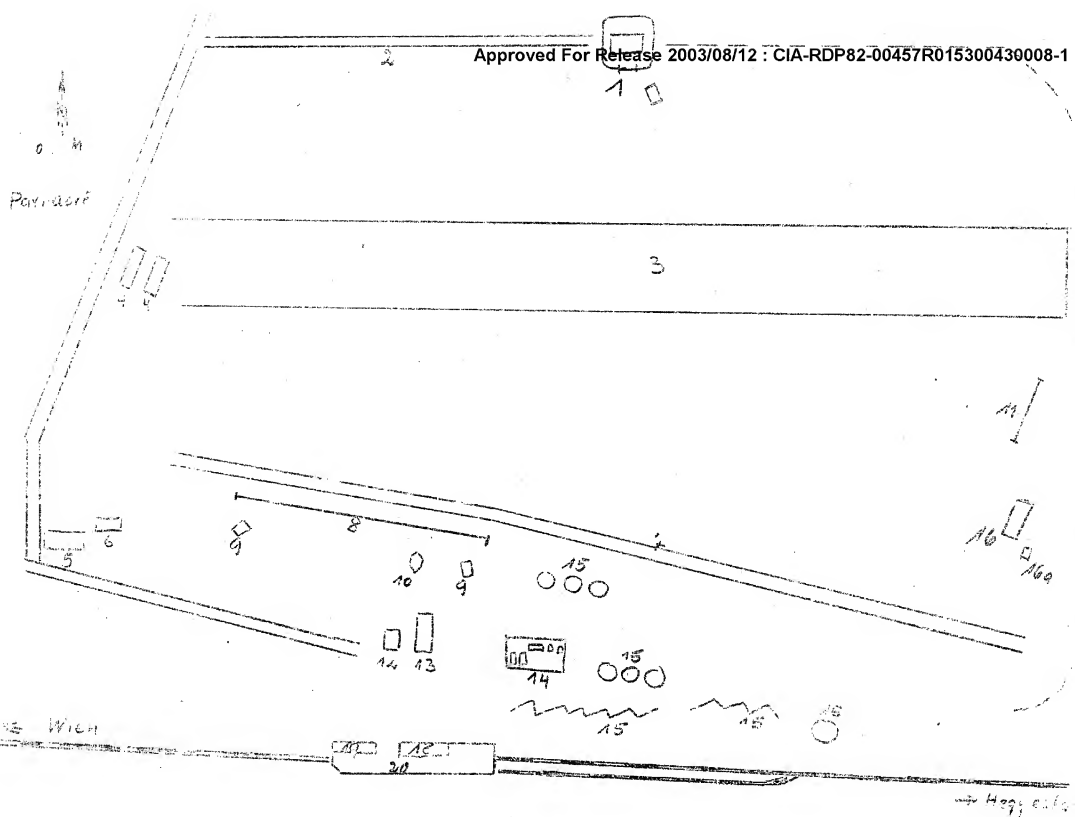
15. In the afternoon of 14 September, a RUS-2 type set was observed about 300 meters west of the sign board of St. Poelten toward Witzendorf, about 150 meters north of the highway. Four or 5 insulated lines and a rubber insulated line, about as thick as a small finger, extended from the RUS-2 set to a Dumbo installation south of the road. The latter set, 4 tents and 4 low wooden buildings were observed in an area, 120 x 200 meters, which was surrounded by a barbed wire fence 2 meters high. At the western end of the fenced-in area, there were four tents each with a capacity of 12 men. In front of each tent, there was a rod, about 160 cm high with a rhomboid-shaped plate, about 50 cm long and 30 cm wide, on top. About 30 Soviet soldiers formed in two groups were observed in the area of the southern radio installation. At 5:30 p.m., when going from the radio installation toward St. Poelten source met eight Soviet soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets and an insignia representing a propeller with wings.

Comments:

- (1) From the descriptions furnished by various sources and rough sketches which are not forwarded it is inferred that the twin-jet planes are IL-28s. In one case, wing tip tanks were observed. Although the number of these planes has been increased from 1 to 9 it cannot be determined whether these aircraft are used for the retraining of bomber units or for resupplyment purposes.
- (2) From the reported dimensions of the boxes, it can be concluded that shipping crates for MiG-15s were stored there.
- (3) For sketch of airfield, see Annex. The statements which agree with detail information previously received are believed to be credible. The tents located at various points at the field probably were ammunition dumps.
- (4) This is the first information on cooperation between RUS-2 type set and a Dumbo type set. It is believed that the RUS-2 set is used for detection of enemy planes while the Dumbo set is used for fighter control purposes.

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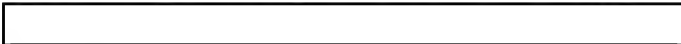
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Parndorf Airfield

Legend:

- 1 Low building, about 6 x 8 meters, probably an ammunition dump, surrounded by wall 3 to 4 meters high; at entrance, sentry with submachine gun; nearby, a tent about 4 meters square
- 2 Road, about 800 meters long, in good condition
- 3 Take-off and landing strip, about 80 x 2,000 meters
- 4 Two low wooden buildings, about 7 x 18 meters
- 5 Low building, about 4 x 8 meters, probably messhall or billets
- 6 Two-story building, about 4 x 6 meters, probably billets
- 7 Road about 4 x 1,800 meters
- 8 26 jet planes and 1 single-engine trainer
- 9 Two tents, each 2 meters square; Russians were observed there during the daytime
- 10 Brown hexagonal tent; activity around it throughout the day
- 11 Five jet planes
- 12 Gray building, about 3 meters square, no windows
- 13 Low building, about 3 x 5 meters
- 14 Fuel dump consisting of 3 or 4 containers each with a capacity of about 10,000 liters
- 15 Four or 5 communication trenches and about 10 holes, each about 90 cm deep and 4 meters in diameter
- 16 Low building, about 3 x 8 meters; 5 to 8 men were continuously observed near the building; on 17 September, trucks repeatedly moved to the object
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- 18 Building at Parndorf railroad station
- 19 Warehouse of Parndorf railroad station
- 20 Parndorf railroad station

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